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SUBJ: VISIT OF BERLIN MAYOR LUEDER

REFS: A) STATE 198330; B) USBERLIN 1633

1. MAYOR LUEDER AND TWO ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, VOLLMER AND FUEGER (BIO INFORMATION PROVIDED BELOW), ARRIVING NEW YORK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 1:45 P.M. ON LH 400 FROM FRANKFURT. FOLLOWING MEEGINGS WITH PAN AM OFFICIALS AND GERMAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK, GROUP WILL TRAVEL BY RAIL TO WASHINGTON AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 ARRIVING AT APPROXIMATELY 5:00 P.M. IN WASHINGTON THEY WILL BE STAYING AT MAYFLOWER HOTEL.

2. LUEDER PLANS TO CALL AT GERMAN EMBASSY ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 11:00 A.M. FOR BRIEFING. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON GIVEN BY GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO WHICH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS PROBABLY WILL BE INVITED. HE THEREFORE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS WITH STATE AND COMMERCE OFFICIALS ON SEPTEMBER 30 IN MORNING (PRIOR TO 11:00 A.M.) AND AFTERNOON (AFTER 3:00 P.M.) AND ALL
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DAY ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.

3. AT MISSION'S SUGGESTION, SENAT PLANS TO ADVISE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH STATE AND COMMERCE OFFICIALS ONLY AND THAT EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE ALL OTHER APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING ARRANGING CALL ON MAYOR WASHINGTON. IN THIS CONNECTION, LUEDER EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ATTENDING AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUNCTION IN OR AROUND WASHINGTON ON ONE OF EVENINGS HE IN CITY (SEPTEMBER 29, 30 AND OCTOBER 1). MISOFFS SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT THIS ALSO COULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH EMBASSY. FOR COORDINATION PURPOSES, LUEDER'S ASSISTANT ASKED FOR NAME OF CONTROL OFFICER IN DEPARTMENT WITH WHOM EMBASSY OFFICIALS COULD CONSULT. MISSION SUGGESTED KORNBLUM OF EUR/CE. LUEDER AWARE THAT KORNBLUM VISITING BERLIN AND HAS ASKED TO SEE HIM. WE HAVE WORKED OUT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME.

4. LUEDER TOLD MISOFFS ON AUGUST 31 THAT HE IS UNABLE TO STATE AT THIS TIME WHAT SPECIFIC CIVIL AVIATION TOPICS HE WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. THAT WILL DEPEND, HE SAID, ON OUTCOME OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH PAN AM OFFICIALS MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 29. LUEDER HAS ALREADY MET WITH PAN AM BERLIN STATION MANAGER (GALLAGHER) FOR WHAT WE UNDERSTAND WAS USEFUL DISCUSSION. LUEDER SAID HE WILL EXPLORE WITH PAN AM OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK POSSIBILITY OF AIRLINE EXPANDING ITS INTERNATIONAL SERVICES FROM BERLIN (ZURICH WAS POSSIBILITY MENTIONED AND LUEDER IS FULLY AWARE OF PROBLEMS WITH THIS IDEA) AND INCREASING INTERNATIONAL NON-STOP FLIGHTS FROM BERLIN. LUEDER WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE REVISIONS OF SCHEDULE TO PERMIT BERLIN TRAVELERS TO MAKE BETTER INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS AT FRG AIRPORTS. LUEDER ALSO PLANS TO RAISE WITH PAN AM QUESTION OF REPLACEMENT OF BOEING 727'S. PAN AM'S RESPONSES WILL DETERMINE WHAT LUEDER HAS TO SAY IN WASHINGTON. LUEDER EMPHASIZED THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH PAN WOULD CONCENTRATE ONLY ON MATTERS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO AIRLINE AND BERLIN; HE WOULD NOT WASTE TIME COMPLAINING ABOUT QUALITY OF SERVICE, LATE ARRIVALS OR OTHER OPERATIONAL ISSUES. THESE ARE MATTERS WHICH HE IS DISCUSSING WITH LOCAL PAN AM MANAGEMENT.

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5. LUEDER SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO HIS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON AND AGAIN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PAYING PROTOCOL CALL ON RANKING DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL. MISOFFS SAID THEY WERE SURE EUR/CE WOULD DO ITS BEST TO ARRANGE THIS.

6. OTHER OFFICIALS LUEDER WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH DURING WASHINGTON VISIT ARE: JOEL BILLER, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS; RICHARD H.

HENRY, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF CONVENTIONS AND EXPOSITIONS, US TRAVEL SERVICE (THIS WILL GIVE LUEDER OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT BERLIN'S EFFORTS AT EXPANDING CONVENTION BUSINESS); AND RICHARD WHITELY, COUNTRY MARKETING DIRECTOR FOR GERMAN AND AUSTRIA, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (WE RECOMMEND THAT VELIZAR STANOYEVITSCH SIT IT ON LATTER MEETING BECAUSE OF HIS SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE OF BERLIN COMMERCIAL MATTERS). LUEDER WILL BE STRESSING ADVANTAGES OF ADDITIONAL US INVESTMENT IN BERLIN DURING TALKS WITH STATE AND COMMERCE OFFICIALS.

7. LUDER GROUP WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 15:10 P.M. ON NA 496 FOR NEW YORK. THEY CONNECT WITH LH 401 WHICH DEPARTS AT 7:45 P.M. FOR FRANKFURT.

8. BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON VOLLMER AND FUEGER FOLLOWS:

A. WOLFGANG VOLLMER, SENATRAT, CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF TRADE FAIRS, CONGRESSES AND TRADE PROMOTION, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, BERLIN. BORN ON NOVEMBER 3, 1934 AT COLOGNE. FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION (ABITUR) IN 1954, STUDIED LAW AT MAINZ, BERLIN AND COLOGNE UNIVERSITIES. LAWYER (RECHTSANWALT) IN COLOGNE 1963-64. ENTERED BERLIN CIVIL SERVICE NOVEMBER 1964. SINCE 1970, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF BERLIN AIRLIFT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION (LUFTBRUECKEN-DANK). FLUENT IN ENGLISH.

B. MANFRED FUEGER, CHIEF OF OFFICE OF PRESS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, BERLIN. BORN ON JULY 15, 1947 IN BERLIN. GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL (ABITUR) IN 1965. SPANDAUER VOLKSBLATT 1965-71 (APPRENTICES JOURNALIST 1965-67, NEWS AND POLITICS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EDITOR 1967-71). PRESS SPOKESMAN FOR BERLIN FREE DEMOCRATIC PARTY 1971-75 (AND AT SAME TIME CHIEF EDITOR OF BERLIN FDP BIWEEKLY PAPER LIBERALE ZEITUNG). ASSUMED PRESENT POSITION IN APRIL 1975 WHEN LUEDER BECAME SENATOR. SINCE LUEDER ASSUMED DUTIES OF MAYOR, FUEGER IS NOW ACTING AS HIS PRESS ADVISER IN THAT CAPACITY AS WELL. UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH BUT SPEAKS IT WITH SOME DIFFICULTY. GEORGE

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